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SUBJECT: USERY VISIT

1. MINISTRY OF LABOR HAS PROPOSED THAT SECRETARY USERY AND HIS PARTY VISIT ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30, A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER RUN JOINTLY BY THE MINISTRY AND THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN BEIT JALA NEAR JERUSALEM. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO U.S. CABINET OFFICER HAS OFFICIALLY VISITED ANY INSTITUTION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THEIR VISITS TO EAST JERUSALEM AND BETHLEHEM HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO UNOFFICIAL TOURIST EXCURSIONS. THE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED THE MINISTRY OF LABOR OF APPARENT CONFLICT OF PROPOSED VISIT WITH ESTABLISHED U.S. POLICY AND REQUESTED POSSIBLE ALTERNATE PROGRAM.

2. MINISTRY OF LABOR PROGRAM PROPOSING FLIGHT FROM JERUSALEM AIRPORT TO GALILEE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, ALSO POSES PROBLEM OF U.S. CABINET MEMBER'S ENTRY INTO OCCUPIED AREA. USE OF JERUSALEM AIRPORT CONSIDERED SENSITIVE ISSUE TO ARABS. IT HAS BEEN U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY TO AVOID USING IT FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL. WE HAVE ALREADY INFORMED MINISTRY OF LABOR THAT ALTERNATE TRAVEL ROUTE MAY BE

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